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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 39-41.

Kindly amend claims 7-18 and 21-38 as follows:

7. (Amended) A composition [or method] according to claim 3 [or 6] in which the cofactor comprises a phenolic moiety which comprises at least one of a monohydroxy phenol group or a dihydroxy phenol group.

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